STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER AJIT PAI

Re: Terrestrial Use of the 2473-2495 MHz Band for Low-Power Mobile Broadband Networks, IB Docket No. 13-213; Amendments to Rules for the Ancillary Terrestrial Component of Mobile Satellite Service Systems, RM-11685.

Six months ago, I voted against a proposal that would have given Globalstar special rights to unlicensed spectrum in the 2.4 GHz band. I did not support that approach because it would have marked a significant departure from our successful and long-standing policy of promoting innovative, shared access to these spectrum commons.

I am glad that Globalstar revised its proposal and has advanced a plan that does not give it preferential access to unlicensed spectrum. In light of this widely-supported change, and record evidence that the public interest will be served by giving Globalstar increased flexibility within its licensed spectrum, I am now voting to approve.